

semi-continuous film network.

2. (Currently Amended) A leave-in hair cosmetic composition, comprising:

- (i) from about 0.25% to about 15%, by weight of the composition, of fluid-encapsulated, flexible microspheres which exhibit a mean particle size of less than about 300 μm in diameter;
- (ii) from about 0.025% to about 10 %, by weight of the composition, of a hydrophobically modified water-soluble or swellable polymer; and
- (iii) an aqueous carrier,

wherein the combination of the polymer and the microspheres results in a solid continuous or semi-continuous film network.

3. (Original) A leave-in hair cosmetic composition according to Claim 1, wherein said microspheres have a density of from about 5 kg/m^3 to about 200 kg/m^3 .

4. (Original) A leave-in hair cosmetic composition according to Claim 3, wherein said microspheres have a density of from about 5 kg/m^3 to about 100 kg/m^3 .

5. (Original) A leave-in hair cosmetic composition according to Claim 1, wherein said microspheres comprise a thermoplastic material wall.

6. (Original) A leave-in hair cosmetic composition according to Claim 5, wherein said thermoplastic material is a polymer or copolymer of at least one monomer selected from the group consisting of acrylates, methacrylates, styrene, substituted styrene, unsaturated dihalides, acrylonitriles, and methacrylonitriles.

7. (Original) A leave-in hair cosmetic composition according to Claim 5, wherein said thermoplastic material is a polymer or copolymer comprising amide, ester, urethane, urea, ether, carbonate, acetal, sulfide, phosphate, phosphonate ester, and siloxane linkages.

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8. (Original) A leave-in hair cosmetic composition according to Claim 6, wherein said thermoplastic material is a polymer or copolymer of at least one monomer selected from the group consisting of acrylic, styrene, vinylidene chloride, acrylonitriles, and methacrylonitriles.
9. (Original) A leave-in hair cosmetic composition according to Claim 8, wherein said thermoplastic material is a copolymer of acrylonitrile and methacrylonitrile.
10. (Original) A leave-in hair cosmetic composition according to Claim 1, wherein said microspheres are permeable.
11. (Original) A leave-in hair cosmetic composition according to Claim 1, wherein said microspheres are non-permeable.
12. (Original) A leave-in hair cosmetic composition according to Claim 1, wherein said microspheres are expanded upon heating.
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13. (Original) A leave-in hair cosmetic composition according to Claim 1, wherein said microspheres exhibit a mean particle size ranging from about 5 μm to about 100 μm .
14. (Original) A leave-in hair cosmetic composition according to Claim 1, wherein said microspheres exhibit a mean particle size ranging from about 8 μm to about 80 μm .
15. (Original) A leave-in hair cosmetic composition according to Claim 1, wherein surface of said microspheres is modified by attachment of an ionic group.
16. (Original) A leave-in hair cosmetic composition according to Claim 1, wherein surface of said microspheres is modified by attachment of an organic or inorganic material.
17. (Original) A leave-in hair cosmetic composition according to Claim 1, wherein the aqueous carrier is selected from the group consisting of a leave-in conditioning product, a leave-in styling product, a leave-in coloring product, and mixtures thereof.

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18. (Currently Amended) A leave-in hair conditioning composition comprising:

- (i) from about 0.025% to about 10%, by weight of the composition, of a hydrophobically modified carboxylic acid/ carboxylate copolymer;
- (ii) from about 0.25% to about 10%, by weight of the composition, of fluid-encapsulated, flexible microspheres which exhibit a mean particle size of less than about 300 μ m in diameter; and
- (iii) an aqueous carrier,

wherein the combination of the copolymer and the microspheres results in a solid continuous or semi-continuous film.

19. (Withdrawn)

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20. (Original) A method for enhancing hair volume by applying to hair an effective amount of a composition according to Claim 1.

21. (Original) A method for enhancing hair volume by applying to hair an effective amount of a composition according to Claim 17.

22. (Original) A method for enhancing hair volume by applying to hair an effective amount of a composition according to Claim 18.

23. (Withdrawn)